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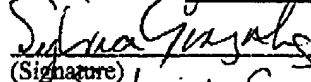
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Sir:

This amendment is a reply to the Office Action mailed on May 4, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the Office Action expires on August 4, 2005 and this amendment is timely filed.

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